

Special Session 12

Inclusive climate adaptation and mitigation of human settlements in the Arab region

Thursday, 16 March 2023, 3.45–5.15 p.m. Beirut time



Background and objective

Major investments will be required in the coming years for climate adaptation in human settlements, as well as for a rapid green transition. Unless disadvantaged and marginalized groups are considered from the outset, such measures risk increasing disparities further. This session aims at presenting some relevant options in inclusive policy and practice, as well as highlighting the need for integrated forward-looking approaches. Concrete initiatives that address climate-driven challenges will be showcased, and strategies will be discussed from different perspectives.

Questions to be addressed

- How is climate change affecting the vulnerability of marginalized groups in the region?
- Which are the key collaborations that we need to develop for inclusive climate adaptation and mitigation of human settlements?
- What are the main key investments required?
- How can underrepresented groups be more actively involved in decision-making, policy and planning?
- Which kinds of action should we prioritise, and what can we do today?

Moderator

- **Amal Charif**, Managing Director, HalTek, Lebanon

Opening Remarks

- **Tehmina Akhtar**, Senior Strategic Advisor, Regional Bureau for Arab States UNDP, NY Headquarters

Panelists

- **Louay Fallouh**, Project Manager Disability Inclusion, UNDP country office, Syria
- **Dr Ayman Zohri**, Expert on migration and forced migration, Egypt
- **Reham Jammal**, Mayor's Consultant for Development and International Relations, Greater Irbid Municipality, Jordan
- **Malak Aljadaan**, member of Jordan Inclusivity Youth Council, Jordan
- **Sophie Mansour**, Senior sustainable landscape management specialist, Green Plan Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon
- **Dr Maya Nehme**, Director of Lebanese Reforestation Initiative, Lebanon

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